

## **Frequently Asked Questions: Preparing your Lansing Income Tax Return:**

### **Who has to file a Lansing Tax Return?**

- Lansing Residents
- Non-residents who work within in the corporate limits of Lansing

### **I have a Lansing address, how do I know if it is in the City of Lansing boundaries?**

There are several ways to tell if you live in the City of Lansing boundaries

- Voter Registration card will show Chris Swope as the City Clerk.
- Property Tax Bill. If you own your home, your property tax bill will come from the City of Lansing
- To verify your address is within the City limits go to <http://www.lansingmi.gov/finance/incometax/index.jsp> “Verify Lansing Addresses”
- If the City of Lansing Police Department or Fire Department responds to your 911 call.

### **What are some examples of things that are Taxable beyond my regular pay?**

If you are a resident:

- Strike pay
- Sick pay
- Employer Buy Out payments
- Early distributions from IRA and retirement plans. Distributions from government deferred compensation plans are taxable.

If you are a non-resident but work for an employer within the city limits.

- Strike pay from your Lansing based employer
- Sick pay from your Lansing based employer
- Employer Buy Out payments from your Lansing based employer

### **What are some examples of things that are not Taxable to the City of Lansing:**

- Unemployment (however it is taxable for your Federal and State returns)
- Sub-Pay
- Regular distributions from retirement plans, age 59 ½ or older or code 2 in box 7 of federal form 1099-R), except distributions from governmental deferred compensation plans.
- Non residents do not report gains/losses from stock/bond transactions

### **What are some examples of things that are not Deductible on my Lansing tax return:**

- Parking fees
- Losses/gains from rental properties located outside the corporate limits of Lansing (**non-residents only**)

**Are there employers in other townships that are considered Lansing based employers:**

Yes. There are several areas outside the City of Lansing limits that are considered inside the City due to 425 tax share agreements.

- General Motors Delta Township production facility (including assembly and regional stamping plants)
- Suppliers to the General Motors Delta Township production facility located around the plant
- Jackson National Life